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22 January 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: ARGON Missions

1. The USIB is in disagreement by vote slip on a recommendation of the COMOR that an ARGON mission be scheduled for March and April 1963. All agencies had concurred except the CIA and the State Department who agreed provided that such scheduling did not interfere with a CORONA mission.

2. (S) NRO reports that it is possible to schedule an ARGON mission for late April with no detriment to any currently scheduled mission for some other objective.

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3. An ARGON could be scheduled in June which would, at worst, be in competition with a NASA ECHO mission. It is likely that there will be slippage in the ECHO and were this true, there would be no competition.

4. Recommendation: Since in the light of the foregoing two ARGON missions can be accomplished without supplanting a CORONA mission, it is recommended that the USIB now officially request NRO to schedule an ARGON in April and an ARGON in June 1963. If the first ARGON mission is completely successful, the USIB could then cancel the second mission in June.

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CONCUR:

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